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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call
the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

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Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the patent application filing date. Moreover, to date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed and no filing fee is due.

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